

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 9, 2005

IN RE:

**PETITION OF HICKORY STAR WATER COMPANY,
L.L.C. FOR APPROVAL OF WHOLESALE WATER
RATE PASS-THROUGH MECHANISM**

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**DOCKET NO.
04-00372**

**ORDER RE-SUSPENDING WHOLESALE WATER RATE
PASS-THROUGH MECHANISM FOR SIXTY DAYS**

This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on January 31, 2005 for consideration of the *Petition of Hickory Star Water Company, L.L.C. for Approval of Wholesale Water Rate Pass-Through Mechanism* ("Petition"). The *Petition* was filed by Hickory Star Water Company, L.L.C. ("Hickory Star") on October 22, 2004, with a proposed effective date of November 21, 2004.

At the November 8, 2004 Authority Conference, the panel suspended the proposed wholesale water rate pass-through mechanism through February 18, 2005¹ "to allow sufficient time for a thorough investigation and analysis of the proposed mechanism and the impact of the proposed mechanism on the company's revenue and its customers."² On December 20, 2004, the Authority sent an additional data request to Hickory Star, and Hickory Star indicated that additional time was needed in order to complete its response. During the January 31, 2005

¹ See *Order Suspending Wholesale Water Rate Pass-Through Mechanism For Ninety Days* (December 28, 2004)

² Transcript of Authority Conference, p 32 (November 8, 2004)

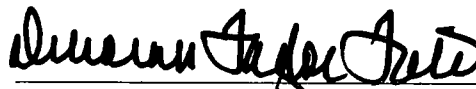
Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to re-suspend the proposed wholesale water rate pass-through mechanism for an additional sixty days, from February 18, 2005 through April 19, 2005 "to allow sufficient time for the company to respond and the staff to analyze the outstanding data requests."³

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

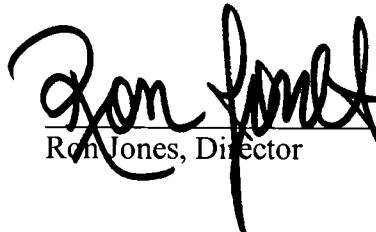
The wholesale water rate pass-through mechanism proposed by Hickory Star Water Company, L.L.C. in the *Petition of Hickory Star Water Company, L.L.C for Approval of Wholesale Water Rate Pass-Through Mechanism* is re-suspended through April 19, 2005.



Pat Miller, Chairman



Deborah Taylor Tate, Director



Ron Jones, Director

³ Transcript of Authority Conference, p 86 (January 31, 2005)